



Via Hand Delivery

July 13, 2011

The Honorable Clifford B. Stearns
Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2175 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6115

The Honorable Diana L. DeGette
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6115

Dear Chairman Stearns and Ranking Member DeGette:

I am writing today on behalf of the 1,166 employees of Solyndra, the only large-volume manufacturer of solar photovoltaic systems with 100 percent of its production located in the United States, in Fremont, California.

Specifically, I am writing in anticipation of the Subcommittee's business meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 14, to ensure that you and other Members of the Subcommittee have the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding Solyndra and our performance in the market.

You should be aware of the following facts:

- Solyndra's revenues grew from \$6 million in 2008 to \$100 million in 2009 to \$140 million in 2010. For 2011, revenues are projected to nearly double again.
- The company just completed a record quarter for shipments, with strong demand in the United States. Last year we shipped 65 megawatts of panel production and expect that to double again this year.
- The company's new manufacturing facility ("Fab 2"), which was built with support from the Department of Energy (DOE) loan guarantee, will produce nearly half of its maximum output this year – only 24 months after the project broke ground. The construction of Fab 2 was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.

- The Fab 2 project is currently on track to meet the job creation commitments agreed upon with the DOE. During construction, Fab 2 created 3,000 jobs in the midst of one of the deepest construction downturns in California history. Today, Solyndra has 1,166 employees and is hiring, with 49 open positions on our website. The company has experienced a total net direct employment increase of over 300 regular, full-time jobs since the DOE made its conditional commitment and Fab 2 planning began. The company continues to hire and grow as our Fab 2 manufacturing ramp continues.
- More than 70 percent of Solyndra's supply chain is represented by companies located in the United States. Solyndra's supply requirements have led to the creation of 300 jobs in just nine of our many suppliers across 18 states.
- Solyndra is an example of a U.S. company using American innovation and ingenuity to compete in the global solar market – exporting more than 50 percent of our products into a competitive global marketplace that includes the products of Chinese and other companies which have the benefit of less restrictive business environments and significant government subsidies and incentives to support all aspects of their business.

On behalf of Solyndra, our 1,166 employees and our extensive supply chain of U.S. companies, we appreciate your consideration of these facts about our business.

Sincerely,



Brian Harrison
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Frederick S. Upton, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce